



PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant(s) : Mark L. SODERSTROM et al.
For : DIRECTIONAL SOLIDIFICATION METHOD AND APPARATUS
Serial No. : 10/630 224 Group: 1725
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Mail Stop Missing Parts
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR TIME EXTENSION, AND CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Sir:

A Response is enclosed.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), please extend the shortened period for response by one month. The extension fee is:

☒ \$ 110.00.00 (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))

☐ \$ (37 CFR 1.17; small entity status previously established).

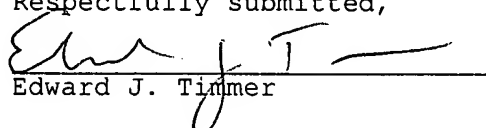
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Respectfully submitted,

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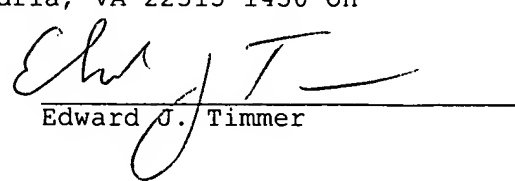

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